



Metro Women's Club

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NEWSLETTER

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January 2025

Extend the Hand of
Friendship

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Season Greeting to All. It's a busy time of the year and LouAnn and I want to wish all of you the most Joyous Holiday Season! Let us count our Blessings and share the Christmas Spirit to all our families and friends. As the Winter months approach, do stay warm and cozy. Keep your Newsletter handy for upcoming January activities. Wishing you all the best. *Fondly, Rosemary Bliss.*

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Because of your generosity our Club has donated **\$1,235.13 to Salvation Army**. Thank you for your wonderful response. Your donation will help many families in the Omaha area that are struggling. Thank you.

CLUB BUDGETS FOR 2025

Soon our Club will be formulating our Budget for the 2025-2026 year. All Chairpersons that have a budget, are asked to access their current budget needs. The Budget Committee consists of LouAnn Norton, Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb, Pat Bond and TBD (from members at large). If you are a club Chairperson and have a budget, you will be contacted soon by the Budget Committee regarding your budget for this year.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON GREETERS

An opportunity to meet and greet is here. Great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow MWC Members, putting a name with a face is extremely rewarding. Call Jean Cully if you like to help greet at our luncheons.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Reminder if you make a reservation and do not cancel prior to the deadline, you are responsible for the full cost of your lunch. **REMINDER, YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY LUNCHEON!** our Co Chairs, Karen Saunders and Carolyn Will, need exact numbers for the luncheon. If you receive a call from your caller and they leave a message, please be so kind and return the call, or if you receive a text, please respond Yes or No. Thank you for being responsible. Please Silent Cell Phones during the luncheon.

CARDS

If any of our members need a card of Cheer, Get Well, Congratulations or Sympathy sent, please contact Linda Nelson. She will send a card out to them. Staying connected is extremely important to us.

MEMBERSHIP

Please help us keep our membership information up to date! If you have moved, changed your email address or phone number, you can let us know by completing "Change of Address" section on the Metro Women's Club website. The following link will take you directly to the form. www.metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address If you have any questions, please contact Marcelene Lewis. Thank you!

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

1. **Activities:** When Omaha Schools are closed, or switched to remote learning, Metro Women's Club activities are also cancelled, ie. Bunco, Bridge, MahJongg, etc.
2. **Luncheons:** When Omaha Schools are closed or switched to remote learning, our luncheons are cancelled, only if they are at a Restaurant. All Luncheons held at a private catered venue, such as Arbor Hall, are not cancelled. If the venue is a private catered venue you will be charged for your luncheon if you are a no-show.
3. **Board Meetings:** Board Meetings are an exception to the Omaha School closing rule. Board Meetings will only be cancelled if travel is not recommended by our Police Department, Mayor's Office and/or our Roads Department. In this case the meeting will be held by our President(s) via Zoom. If weather is a problem, Officers and Chairpersons must email their Newsletter Information to Denise Shroyer. The Newsletter must still go out no matter the weather.

For more information
regarding
Metro Women's Club
please call:
Marcelene Lewis
New Membership/
Renewals Director

FACEBOOK**Reminder you must be a paid member of Metro Women's Club. Unpaid members will be removed!**

No questions asked! Members remember to take pictures of your events and submit them to Darlene Gaeta for our private Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Gaeta or Margi Vice.

CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Ladies, please collect the can tabs (beer, pop, canned wine, energy drinks/anything that has a pull tab) for the Ronald McDonald House. Margi Vice is collecting them.

CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

WOW - What a wonderful gift exchange party, the turnout was terrific with 84 attendees. The food you all shared was delicious and highlighted your culinary skills and good taste. From popcorn to meatballs we had it covered. Veggies, chips, cookies and brownies rounded out our diet for the day. YUM.

We sure do know whom the master bargain shoppers are. So many delightful and useful things were on display. I hope everyone had fun if you got a gift you just love so much the better. If it wasn't your favorite I hope you can enjoy the spirit of the game and share it with others.

Thanks to you all that stayed and helped to clean up. All of us on your committee are truly grateful.

These ladies worked very hard at meetings, shopping, decorating and getting our venue back to normal. They really inspire me:

Deborah Jones -Co-Chair, Juanita Hammen, LouAnn Norton, Chris Sagenbrecht, Roselyn Stick, Bert Harrifeld and a special thanks to Scott Jones and Sally Itschner who assisted before and during with special assignments.

Our member whom wasn't able to be with us in person we know was with us in heart as we are with her, bless you Lori.

Shirley Raleigh Chairman

NEWSLETTER CRISIS??

Have you been out and about and needed some information that is in your MWC Newsletter, but you don't have your Newsletter with you??? Did you accidentally delete or lose your Newsletter?? Or, did you want to share your Newsletter with a prospective new member but your Newsletter is at home? Maybe you did not receive your monthly Newsletter?? Go to the website on your phone or computer. Yes, go to metrowomensclub.org and click on the tab "Newsletter" then click the current month. Our webmaster normally posts our Newsletters the 3rd Sunday of each month (the Sunday after the Board Meeting). The only change from the Newsletters that are mailed/ emailed to you is the absence of personal information, i.e. member's phone numbers and addresses. This is done to protect your privacy because our website is accessible to everyone. There is also a printer icon in the upper right corner where you can also print your Newsletter. So don't panic...Just click! ***Ladies, do not contact your newsletter editor, either go to the website, or contact the Newsletter Circulation Person if you don't receive your Newsletter via email, she is the one who makes sure your email is correct. If you receive via snail mail, check your mailbox and don't throw it away.***

PROCEDURES FOR FORMING A NEW METRO WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

- Notify President(s)
- Post on Facebook and in the Newsletter with contact information for interested members to call
- Determine place, time, how often, cost and all other relevant information
- Notify President(s) when you are ready to present to the Board and you will be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

IMAGINE- WRITER'S GROUP

Shakespeare said, "With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come." Imagine's writers laugh and cry as we share our writing and life stories. This month Mary Lou Jambor rejoined us from her healing trials; she shared stories of her grandparents and brought pictures and other props to enhance her story. We are so glad she's back. Amy Feidler read a tribute she wrote of her sister's beloved dog, her words moved us all. Janis Keim presented one of her new and wonderful children's books, I Should Have Followed Directions. We all encourage her to have them printed for the public to enjoy. Kelli Barager described the beginnings of a poem about 'Money,' of which we can't wait to hear. She shared difficulties with writer's block and solutions other authors have discovered. Kathy Benoit Raynor shared pictures of her granddaughter, her joys of being a grandmother and how it is changing her life with creating opportunities for new traditions. Jean Cully read two new poems while being filmed by Kelli Barager for Jean's YouTube page. Jean's son David joined in the festivities to celebrate our delights of writing and sharing. Imagine meets on December 16, 2024 for our next group time. If anyone would like to join a new writer's group, please call Jean Cully. *Happy Holidays!*

MWC Ladies, If you see something is incorrect in the newsletter, or I forgot something, please bring it to my attention. I can't fix it if I don't know. Thank you, Denise Shroyer your MWC Newsletter Editor

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2025

LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday January 14, 2025 11:30 am SOCIAL 12:00pm LUNCH

At: Charlie's on the Lake – 4150 S. 144th Street, Omaha

Please do not call Charlie's on the Lake to make reservations, or to cancel reservation – call: Karen Saunders or Carolyn Will listed below.

Menu: Buffet Entrees: Hawaiian Chicken, Beef Stroganoff. Entrees come with Berries Salad w/ Poppyseed & Cab Dressings, Seasonal vegetables, Twice Baked Potatoes, Bread and Butter. Coffee & Tea Station Included. Dessert Station: Assorted Mini Cheesecake. Cash bar available.

Gluten-free: Let your caller know you need a gluten-free choice.

Cost: \$25.00 per person includes taxes and tip. Cash or Check only, **WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS.**

Please have your form of payment ready prior to heading to the cashiers, this makes for a faster check in and gives you time to socialize before lunch is served.

Members: If you do not receive a call by January 5th and wish to attend, please call Karen Saunders or Carolyn Will. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller your guest's name and luncheon choice **Must RSVP** if you don't want to be turned away at the door. Thank you.

Cancellations: Any cancellations must be made by noon, January 7th, or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Callers: Please have your attendees' choices to **Karen or Carolyn by noon, January 6th**

Luncheon co-chairs: Karen Saunders and Carolyn Will

Program: Our speaker for January is Joy Bartling. She founded a rescue ranch named Scatter Joy Acres which is now in Murray, NE. It serves as home for over 60 rescued animals who are trained for therapy. In spite of the fact that many of these animals were formerly abused or neglected, they do not judge us by our intellect or appearance. Scatter Joy Acres provides services for seniors, veterans, the developmentally disadvantaged, at risk youth and many more. She is doing such good work to provide healing and joy. Her ranch is a place of love, help, and discipline. She will explain her beginnings and her vision for a place where animals and people live to help each other. **Program co-chairs: Vicki Kirchner & Judy Mumm**

Members: We love to hear you socializing, chatting and catching up prior to the Luncheon! Just remember to turn your focus to the podium and to whomever has the microphone when "noon" approaches. Your cooperation is GREATLY appreciated!

DINE AND DONATE

Ladies, Be sure that your January calendar includes our Dine and Donate event on January 15th at Porky Butts BBQ, 156th Street just north of Maple St. They will very generously donate back to us 10% of the whole day's proceeds. Bring your friends and family for some excellent BBQ!

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday January 21, 2025 10:00 am

At: Millard Branch Omaha Public Library, 13214 Westwood Lane, Millard

Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Socials and Special Events Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairperson are expected to have their information to Denise Shroyer for the newsletter the Saturday prior to the board meeting. If you are scheduled to report please be at the board meeting, If unable to attend please call LouAnn or Rosemary. Information needs to be to Denise Shroyer and Linda Cisar the Friday prior to the board meeting.

BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, January 21, 2025 11:30 am ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

We are celebrating December & January Birthdays!

At: Grand China Buffet, 11226 Chicago Circle, Omaha

Enter from the back by turning east on Chicago Circle from 114th St. (south of Dodge, across from Fernando's) Turn left along the side of the restaurant, and parking is in front. Handicap accessible. Wonderful Asian & American food! All you can eat, \$11.00.

Sign up at the Social Noon Luncheon, or call/text Chris.

If you need to cancel, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS! DO NOT CALL THE RESTAURANT! WE HAD A TABLE OF 10 THAT DID NOT SHOW UP AT JERICO'S, AND THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE! Birthday Bash Chairperson: Chris Sagenbrecht

GAD-A-BOOTS—4th Tuesday, January 28, 2025 - 10:20 am Carpools meet at Family Fare on 144th & Center

11 a.m. tour of the Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel, formerly the Blackstone Hotel, 302 S. 36th Street, Omaha 68131.

Lunch following in the Orleans Room at the hotel –individually order from their menu. Is the Kimpton's Reuben as good as the original Blackstone Reuben???? Valet parking is available for a daily rate of \$15 or free street parking a block from the hotel. Planning to attend? Please use sign-up sheets at January luncheon or Birthday Bash or contact Dorris Heaston

Co-chairs: Dorris Heaston & Sandy Major 402-639-0389, skipassion@aol.com

FUTURE EVENTS

January 2025

COFFEE & CHAT (Quarterly) 1st Tuesday, February 4, 2024 10:00 am to Noon

Hostess: Sharon Price Co-Hostesses: TBD— in need of co-hostesses

Chairperson: Bert Harrifeld

Spring Social and Game Day Announcement

Date: March 11th (2nd Tuesday) Time: 10:30 am - 2:30pm Location: Arbor Hall

Join us for our annual Spring Social and Game Day on March 11th at 10:30 AM in Arbor Hall!

This year's theme is "Planting the Seeds of Friendship" and it's a wonderful opportunity to socialize, play games, and support our charity, Project Pink'd.

Reservations: Must be paid in advance by February 28th. Reserve your table or individual spot soon! Forms are available in this newsletter (as an attachment in your email) and at luncheons.

Cost of Admission: \$25. Includes lunch, coffee, tea, and dessert.

Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$10, or 3 for \$25. All proceeds will go to Project Pink'd.

Raffle Donations: We are seeking donations for raffle items! If you have a NEW, decorative item, gift basket, gift certificates, or contributions for our Money Tree, please consider donating. Donations will be accepted at all MWC functions until March 2nd. Make sure to put your name on your donation. If you need assistance, feel free to call a chairperson for pick-up.

Business Donations: If you know of a business that might be willing to donate an item or gift certificate, a request/solicitation form is included in this newsletter (an email attachment) and will also be available at luncheons.

Thank you for your generous support through donations and business contributions—your kindness helps us grow together in friendship and community!

Chairperson Jean Cully, Co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson, Geri Backora, Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Doris Toole and Tricia Weathers

FASHION SHOW—2nd TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 Chairpersons: Cindy Popp, Kay Porter and Sue Mehl

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, MERIT AWARDS, SERVICE PINS—MAY

LET'S GO PLACES

We will be choosing more Travel Cat trips in the future. If you desire to go on any of these trips you need to call Travel Cat Tours yourself at 531-777-2124 to register. **PLEASE NOTE:** when you register, you need to tell them you are with Metro Women's Club so they can put our group together. You will then send your check directly to Travel Cat Tours. Then they will send you the itinerary for the trip approximately 1 week before the trip. The new Travel Cat brochure will be out in February, Cella will be meeting with them and getting back to MWC about upcoming opportunities.

Let's Go to Hawaii!! - Yes, we are headed to the Garden Island of Hawaii-Kauai! April 10-17th, 7 wonderful nights at the Outrigger Kauai Hotel and Spa, round trip airfare, travel insurance, taxes/fees, and a one-day excursion of the island by a guided tour to see movie filming locations. With 2 people per room, total is \$2,200 per person. Deposit/Insurance of \$350/is due at registration, final payment will be due end of February. We are arranging ground transportation and other excursions to choose from when we have everyone signed up. Hurry to get your reservation in! Email Barb Bures if you are interested!! Aloha!

Travel Club—Co-chairs: Cece Carlson & Cindy Carlson

THE PERSONALS

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION OR CORRECTIONS

PHYLLIS WECKERLIN - new address

BARB THOMPSON - new address

SANDY ERICKSON—remove home #

LORRAINE MINES—new address

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Anna Nelson-Sympathy/Memorial for Larry's passing

Ann Thomson-Hip Surgery

Linda Etherton-Hospital

THANK YOU

Kathryn Gannon-Received a Thank You for the card and memorial for her daughter's passing.

MEMBERS (200) Wait list at this time for new members is 19.

Watch you newsletter in 2025 for more information on renewal of membership.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

January 2025

<p>EVENING BUNCO NO BUNCO IN JANUARY <i>Happy New Year!</i></p> <p>December Results: Most Wins: Denise Shroyer Most Buncos: Doris Helfrich Low Score: Juanita Hammen Door Prize(s): Diane Dobrinska LouAnn Norton Shirley Raleigh Tricia Weathers</p> <p>Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p>LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, January 10th 11:00 am Hostess: Linda Davis</p> <p>December Results: Most Wins: Linda Davis Most Buncos: Sandy Erickson Low Score: Cella Best Door Prize: Darlene Palmer</p> <p><i>Looking for a few permanent players, or if you just wanted to be a sub, please contact Linda Davis</i></p>	<p>MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, January 15th 9:30 am Hostess: Jerri Cone</p> <p>December Results: Most Wins: Darlene Gaeta Most Buncos: Chris Sagenbrecht Low Score: LouAnn Norton Door Prize(s): Mary Ellen Anderson Marcelene Lewis Patricia Thompson Jerri Cone</p> <p>Diane Dobrinska</p>
<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE See You In February</p> <p>Any questions, please call Celeste Giery</p>	<p>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB No Event Planned for January</p> <p>'Gardening is learning, learning, learning. That's the fun of them. You're always learning.' — Helen Mirren</p> <p>If interested in the Garden Club please email Patricia Thompson</p>	<p>BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, January 8th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha</p> <p>December Cancelled</p> <p>If anyone is interested in playing please contact Anna Nelson</p>
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday January 6th 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Roselyn Stick</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday January 20th 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Sarah Chvala</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday January 15th 12:30 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Bobbie Montequin</p>
<p>BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, January 17th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p>Book: A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE Author: Sonia Purrel</p> <p>Questions: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>WALKING WITH THE ANIMALS Every Friday all year round</p> <p>Morning walk at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Walking club members check in at 7:30 AM during the summer months and 8:30 AM during the winter. Must be a Zoo Member!</p> <p>Contact: Lorraine Mines</p>	<p>SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, January 2nd 3:00 pm Red Lobster 2707 S. 140th St, Omaha</p> <p>Please no saving seats! Chance to meet and have fun with your fellow members! You never know who you might meet!</p> <p>Chairperson: Darlene Palmer</p>
<p>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP 4th Wednesday, January 22nd</p> <p>Hostess: Jean Cully Chairperson: Jean Cully Group is closed, wait list at this time.</p> <p>Please contact about the Evening Writers Group</p>	<p>GAD-A-BOUNTS</p>	<p>PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER. LOTS OF TIME AND EFFORT IS PUT INTO ALL THE WONDERFUL INFORMATION. DON'T PUT YOUR HEAD IN THE SAND AND MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN STUFF WE DO!</p>
<p>CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday, January 24th</p> <p>The next Cinema Chicks will be Friday, January 24th. Check your emails on Tuesday or Wednesday of that week for selection of movie and lunch locations. As a reminder, it is difficult to select far in advance as they often change.</p> <p>Suggestions Welcome!</p> <p>Any questions, call or text Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd & 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm January 9th & 23rd Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</p> <p>Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p><i>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</i></p> <p>Sandy Simpson</p>	<p>STITCH & CHAT See you all soon Stay warm and dry</p> <p>Other questions, please call: Pat Bond</p>

BIRTHDAY GALS

01/02 Marilyn Conner	01/03 Susan Maher	01/03 Barb Zebel	01/07 Kay Prater
01/07 Sue Sammin	01/07 Diane Stein	01/09 Ann Bonanno-Mossberg	01/13 Helene Lohman
01/15 Carolyn Sliva	01/18 Sarah Chvala	01/18 Marcelene Lewis	01/21 Judith Witherspoon
01/22 Carolyn Miller	01/23 Lois Lentz	01/25 Antonette Lovejoy	01/26 Mary Flodine
01/25 Patricia Thompson	01/28 Jane Costello	01/28 Mary Morss	01/29 Roselyn Stick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 SOCIAL HOUR	3 ZOO WALKING	4
5	6 NOON DELIGHTS	7	8 BRIDGE	9 MAHJONGG	10 LUNCH BUNCO ZOO WALKING	11
12	13 PAINTING GLASSWARE FOR SPRING GAME DAY	14 NOON LUNCHEON	15 MORNING BUNCO LUNCH BUNCH PORKY BUTTS	16	17 BOOK CLUB ZOO WALKING	18 INFORMATION DUE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
19	20 DINING DIVAS	21 BOARD MEETING BIRTHDAY BASH	22 IMAGINE	23 MAHJONGG	24 ZOO WALKING CINEMA CHICKS	25
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Metro Women's Club

*Here's your
Metro Women's Club
Newsletter*

Re: 2024/2025 Fundraiser request for **Project Pink'd Inc.:**

To: _____

I am writing on behalf of the Metro Women's Club. The Metro Women's Club is organized for social and charitable causes, including contributions to charitable organizations and participation in promotional support of community, civic and service projects. We began over 50 years ago and are currently a club of 200 plus members. We invite local businesses to join us in our mission by supporting our charitable initiative through donations.

Every year, Metro Women's Club sponsors fundraising events in support of a local charity. This year, we have selected [Project Pink'd Inc.](#) From the moment of diagnosis through end of life, **Project Pink'd Inc.** provides tools, resources, and a strong network to strengthen and renew the mind, body and spirit of breast cancer survivors in Nebraska and Western Iowa. **Project Pink'd Inc.** is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit.

On Tuesday, March 11, 2025, Metro Women's Club will conduct our Annual Spring Social and Game Day. Raffle tickets sold at this event will raise money for [Project Pink'd Inc.](#) All funds raised will be contributed to **Project Pink'd Inc.**

We realize you receive many requests for assistance and deeply appreciate any contribution you may make to Metro Women's Club for our fundraiser. We are accepting donations up until March 3, 2025. Thank you in advance for your donation to help make **Spring Social and Game Day** a successful fundraiser for **Project Pink'd Inc.**

Sincerely,

Jean Cully

Jean Cully, Chairman

Co-Chairmen: Mary Ellen Anderson, Geri Backora, Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb,
Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Doris Toole, Tricia Weathers

Deliver or Mail to: Jean Cully